GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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ETHIC GUIDELINES FOR NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue any guideline regarding putting a restriction on showing and publishing of vulgar and seminude pictures in print media;

(b) whether the Government are aware of a race among various newspapers for publishing seminude photographs in name of fashion; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b) & (c): The print media in the country is free of any Government restrictions. However, the Press Council, which is a self-regulatory body of the press, has laid down norms of journalistic conduct advising against publication of obscene photographs.